

FORM B - BUILDING

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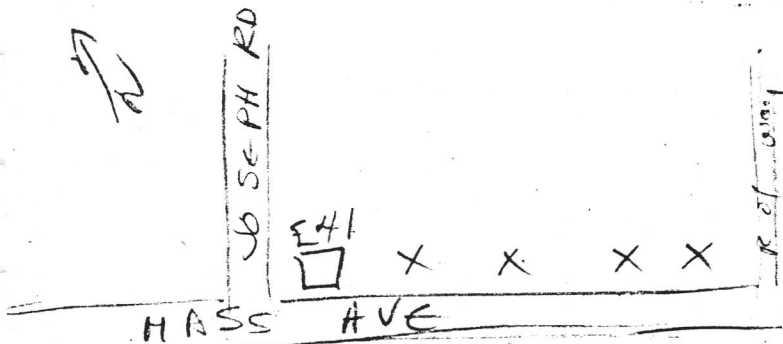
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Location Lexington  
Address 955 Mass. Ave.  
Name Jonathan Harrington, Jr. House  
Present use private  
Present owner Johnson, Richard  
Description:  
1788  
Source Middlesex Registry of Deeds  
Georgian/Italianate

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
Exterior wall fabric clapboard  
Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other features 5 bay wide, two room deep.  
Granite foundation; center entrance. Door  
with full length sidelights  
Altered yes Date c 1850's  
Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
Less than one acre \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt  
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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Original use \_\_\_\_\_

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	Humanitarian	_____
Community development	_____	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Jonathon Harrington, Jr., was the last survivor of the Battle of Lexington.  
D. Mar. 26, 1854.

House probably altered W. Italianate details after death of J. Harrington.  
Note heavy lintels on door with small brackets.

Descrip. cont. Sidelights, two chimneys at ridge, not quite symmetrically placed.  
Chimney on right closer to gable than one on left. One story ell to rear with door.

Jonathan Harrington, whose military record and funeral services are well documented, was a chairmaker and furniture repairer, whose workshop stood "beside the road nearly in front of his house" (Proceedings of the Lexington Historical Society, Volume II, p. 42). He was self-taught as a furniture maker, and his chairs reflect this! (Several pieces are in the collection of the Lexington Historical Society, plus a charcoal portrait of him executed when he was an old man.)

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

1898 + 1906 maps - S. R. Hall  
Late 19th c. occupied by Kilgour family (Worthen, p 44).

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Hudson, Charles. History of Lexington  
Bicentennial Photographic Exhibit notes. 1975  
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EB Worthen, Tracing the Past in Lexington, Mass, p. 44